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1 ~~(e) When a case has been transferred to the circuit court docket in the first instance as~~
2 ~~provided in Section 12-15-3, an appeal shall lie therefrom in conformance with procedures~~
3 ~~promulgated by the Supreme Court.~~

4 **Article 7.**

5 **Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils.**

6 ~~Note: The Committee wishes that §§ 12-15-130 – 12-15-135 be moved to Chapter 24 or Title~~
7 ~~26 of the Code.~~

8 ~~§ 12-15-130. Alabama Children's Policy Council.~~

9 ~~(a) The Alabama Children's Policy Council is hereby created and shall consist of the~~
10 ~~following members: Three appointees from business and industry made by the Governor; the~~
11 ~~Lieutenant Governor; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; two members of the Alabama~~
12 ~~Senate, one appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and one appointed by the President Pro~~
13 ~~Tempore of the Senate; two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker~~
14 ~~of the House of Representatives; the Chief Justice; the legal advisor to the Governor; the~~
15 ~~Attorney General; the President of the Juvenile and Family Court Judges' Association; the~~
16 ~~Commissioner of the Department of Corrections; the President of the District Attorneys'~~
17 ~~Association; the President of the Chief Juvenile Probation Officers' Association; the~~
18 ~~Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources; the Administrative Director of Courts;~~
19 ~~the Commissioner of the Department of Children's Affairs; the Commissioner of the Department~~
20 ~~of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; the Executive Director of the Department of Youth~~
21 ~~Services; the State Superintendent of Education; the State Health Officer; the Executive Director~~
22 ~~of the Alabama Children's Trust Fund; the President of the Alabama Parent Teachers~~
23 ~~Association; the Director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs; the~~
24 ~~Commissioner of the Department of Rehabilitation Services; the Commissioner of the Alabama~~

1 ~~Medicaid Agency; the Director of the Department of Public Safety; the Administrator of the~~
2 ~~Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; the Director of the Office of School Readiness; the Director~~
3 ~~of Voices for Alabama's Children; the Director of A Journey to Manhood; the President of A~~
4 ~~Coalition of 100 Black Women; the President of 21st Century Youth Leadership Program; and~~
5 ~~five persons to be appointed by the council. The appointed members of the council shall reflect~~
6 ~~the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state. All appointments~~
7 ~~are subject to Senate confirmation and shall be effective until acted upon by the Senate.~~

8 ~~(b) The Commissioner of the Department of Children's Affairs shall serve as chairman and~~
9 ~~the Chief Justice as vice chair. The five council appointees and the three appointees of the~~
10 ~~Governor shall serve on the Alabama Children's Policy Council for two years from October 1~~
11 ~~following their appointment and until their successors are selected, and may be reappointed for~~
12 ~~additional terms. Any vacancies in such appointed positions shall be filled in like manner as their~~
13 ~~predecessor and shall serve for a full term and until their successors are selected. If the council~~
14 ~~deems it necessary or advisable, it may elect other officers as necessary. The vice chairman and~~
15 ~~any other officers of the council, other than the chairman, shall hold said offices for such period~~
16 ~~as designated by the council, or for so long as they remain members of the council. The council~~
17 ~~shall meet at the call of the chairman at least once annually prior to September 1 of each fiscal~~
18 ~~year, and at such other times as, in the opinion of the chairman, additional meetings are needed.~~

19 ~~(c) It shall be the duty of the Alabama Children's Policy Council and the Chief Justice of the~~
20 ~~Supreme Court to review the report prepared by the Department of Children's Affairs pursuant to~~
21 ~~Section 12-15-134 and to make such recommendations as it deems necessary and appropriate to~~
22 ~~the Governor and Legislature by October 1 of each fiscal year. It shall also be the duty of the~~
23 ~~Alabama Children's Policy Council to develop a state resource guide, including procedural~~
24 ~~information concerning how to access such services. This guide shall be distributed to agencies~~

1 ~~and organizations serving children as well as the county children's policy councils in each county~~
2 ~~of the state and the general public.~~

3 ~~**§ 12-15-131. Alabama Children's Policy Council Fund.**~~

4 ~~There is hereby established the Alabama Children's Policy Council Fund into which there is~~
5 ~~automatically appropriated \$20,000.00 annually at the beginning of each fiscal year. Any funds~~
6 ~~remaining in the Alabama Children's Policy Council Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall not~~
7 ~~revert to the General Fund. The Comptroller shall transfer said moneys from the General Fund to~~
8 ~~the Alabama Children's Policy Council Fund annually at the beginning of each fiscal year and~~
9 ~~the moneys in said fund shall be expended for the travel expenses of members of the council who~~
10 ~~are not otherwise reimbursed by the state and such other necessary operating costs and expenses~~
11 ~~as approved by the chairman of the Alabama Children's Policy Council. Travel and per diem for~~
12 ~~all members of the council shall be calculated and paid at the same rate applicable to state~~
13 ~~employees. Any expenses of the Alabama Children's Policy Council, including printing, postage~~
14 ~~and mailing costs, which cannot be paid due to insufficient funds, shall be charged to the~~
15 ~~departments and agencies represented by membership on the council on a pro-rata basis, as~~
16 ~~calculated by the chairman.~~

17 ~~The Alabama Children's Policy Council is authorized to accept and use funds available to it~~
18 ~~from all sources, including, but not limited to, grants, appropriations, gifts and donations for the~~
19 ~~purpose of implementing the provisions of this article. All such funds shall be deposited into the~~
20 ~~Alabama Children's Policy Council Fund, which shall be under the management of the Alabama~~
21 ~~Children's Policy Council. Moneys of the fund may be withdrawn by vouchers or checks signed~~
22 ~~by the chairman of the Alabama Children's Policy Council.~~

23 ~~**§ 12-15-132. Expenses of council members who are state officers or employees.**~~

~~The members of the Alabama Children's Policy Council who are officers or employees of the State of Alabama shall be entitled to be reimbursed their expenses, including travel, lodging, food and other expenses at the same rate as other state employees. Such expenses shall be paid by the Comptroller from funds appropriated from the State Treasury to the department or agency which the member represents.~~

~~§ 12-15-133. County children's policy councils—Generally.~~

~~(a) A county children's policy council is hereby created in each county of the state. Said council shall consist of the following members: The juvenile court judge(s) in said county; the county director of the Department of Human Resources; a county representative of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; a county representative of the Department of Youth Services; a county representative of the Department of Rehabilitation Services, the Medicaid Agency, the Department of Public Safety, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, provided they have a physical presence in the county; the county and/or city superintendent(s) of education; the county chief juvenile probation officer; a representative of the county health department; the district attorney; local legislators; the chairperson of the county commission; the sheriff, and seven persons to be appointed by the council from the community including, but not limited to, state and local government officials, practicing attorneys, community organizations, business and industry, and representatives of any other agencies or organizations providing services to families and children in the county.~~

~~(b) All members of the county children's policy council shall serve on said council for two years and until their successors are appointed, except those who serve by virtue of holding a designated office. The county children's policy council shall be convened at least once each quarter at the call of the senior juvenile court judge who shall serve as the chairman. At the first meeting of the council, said council shall select its seven additional council members. If the~~

1 ~~council deems it necessary or advisable, it may elect a vice chairman, secretary and such other~~
2 ~~officers as it may determine necessary. Such additional officers shall hold office for such period~~
3 ~~as designated by the council.~~

4 ~~**§ 12-15-134. County children's policy councils -- Duties.**~~

5 ~~It shall be the duty of the county children's policy council to review the needs of children and~~
6 ~~the responsibilities assigned each agency by law; to determine areas of responsibility and~~
7 ~~identify areas of duplication and/or conflict between agencies; to identify local resources; and to~~
8 ~~develop in conjunction with the Department of Children's Affairs and up-date annually, a local~~
9 ~~resource guide to services available to children which shall include procedural information~~
10 ~~concerning how to access such local services; to articulate and communicate to the local~~
11 ~~community the needs of children; and to submit an annual report to the Administrative Office of~~
12 ~~Courts, Department of Children's Affairs, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of~~
13 ~~Alabama by July 1 of each year on the services provided, local needs and recommendations of~~
14 ~~the county children's policy council based on data from the previous fiscal year ending~~
15 ~~September 30. The Department of Children's Affairs shall then, by September 1 of each year,~~
16 ~~submit its summary recommendations based on said reports, along with a copy of each local~~
17 ~~report to the Alabama Children's Policy Council. The local resource guides shall be used by the~~
18 ~~Alabama Children's Policy Council in compiling a state resource guide which shall be distributed~~
19 ~~to the general public and to agencies and organizations serving children.~~

20 ~~**§ 12-15-135. Juvenile justice coordinating councils renamed. THIS SECTION WAS**~~
21 ~~**ASSIGNED BY THE CODE COMMISSIONER. THIS SECTION HAS NOT**~~
22 ~~**BEEN CODIFIED BY THE LEGISLATURE.**~~

23 ~~All references to the "Alabama Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council" and to "county~~
24 ~~juvenile justice coordinating councils" in this code, are changed to the "Alabama Children's~~

~~Policy Council" and "county children's policy councils" respectively. All other laws, rules, regulations, and legal references of any kind to the "Alabama Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council" or to "county juvenile justice coordinating councils" shall be changed to the "Alabama Children's Policy Council" or to "county children's policy councils" respectively when this code is next reprinted and in other laws, rules, regulations, and legal references as is appropriate, timely, and economically feasible.~~